

MD 147 (Harford Road) from Baltimore City Line to Joppa Road "Parkville Streetscape" Community Safety and Enhancement Program Project in Baltimore County



Project Fact Sheet – September 2008

Project: "Parkville Streetscape" project to improve highway safety, traffic

operations, pedestrian access and aesthetics along two miles of MD 147

(Harford Road) in Baltimore County.

Limits: Baltimore City Line to Joppa Road

Construction Cost: \$9 million

Features: Pavement grinding, patching, and resurfacing; replacement of sidewalks

where needed; construction of ADA-compatible sidewalks and ramps; new curbs, gutters, medians and drainage system improvements; new crosswalks; corridor landscaping and brick accents; creation of "pocket parks" and installation of community signs; installation of new street

furniture, and landscaping. The roadway project also includes realignment of the ramp from eastbound I-695 to southbound MD 147, slight widening at the Putty Hill Road intersection and upgrades to existing traffic signals to include audible pedestrian signals and digital crossing time countdown

signals. Baltimore County will provide pedestrian lighting.

Contractor: Rustler Construction, Inc. of Lanham, Md.

Schedule: Project Start: Summer 2007

Estimated Completion: Summer 2009

Staging: The original project schedule called for the contractor to work in

multi-block segments along the Harford Road corridor, starting at the Baltimore City line and proceeding along the northbound side of Harford Road, then the southbound side. The schedule was changed in 2008 to expedite construction work along northbound and southbound Harford Road within downtown Parkville (Hillcrest Avenue to Onyx Avenue)

and in the vicinity of St. Ursula's School.

Within the other sections of Harford Road, the crews will work on the northbound side through 2008, and then work on the southbound side beginning in early 2009. Final surface paving between Onyx Road and

Joppa Road will be done in Summer 2009, once the roadway reconstruction is complete on both sides of Harford Road.

Status: Paving Work Completed between Hillcrest Avenue and Onyx Road

Crews have completed the final paving work between Hillcrest Avenue and Onyx Road. Final pavement markings will be installed this fall.

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Status (cont.): Streetscape Construction – Fall 2008

Crews have completed installation of new decorative pedestrian lighting along northbound and southbound Harford Road between Hillcrest Avenue and Alden Avenue. Crews worked along northbound and southbound Harford Road in the vicinity of St. Ursula's School this summer and are working in the St. Ursula's Church area. The crews are currently working on the northbound side between Emerald Avenue and Putty Hill Road and BGE will provide power to the lights later in 2008.

Crews are continuing excavation and construction of new sidewalk, curb/gutter and ADA ramps along northbound Harford Road between Putty Hill Avenue and Joppa Road. Crews are continuing to place brick paver accents along the sidewalk, currently working along sections of Harford Road between Woodside Avenue and Putty Hill Avenue. The intersection of northbound Harford Road and Linwood Avenue has been redesigned to meet updated ADA standards and will be reconstructed this fall. SHA will install a new flashing yellow beacon for pedestrians at Garnet Road. It will have a "smart pad" pedestrian detection system on each side of Harford Road (in the sidewalk ramps) in addition to pushbutton operation.

Drainage work along both sides of Harford Road is underway north of the I-695 interchange and that work will continue through Fall 2008.

Lane Closures:

During construction work, daytime lane closures along Harford Road may occur anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Nighttime lane closures for construction and pavement work may occur anytime between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. On-street parking along Harford Road will be restricted during construction on each multi-block section.

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NEXT COMMUNITY UPDATE MEETINGS - Monday, October 20 and Monday, December 15 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Parkville Senior Center, Harford Road at Hiss Avenue (use Hiss Ave. entrance)